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Buffalo Sabres alumni Danny Gare and Jay McKee paid a visit to Fort Erie Elementary School on Thursday and read books to some of the students. Read the whole story on page 9.

Still no CAO

Council rejects options in report put forward by staff

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Town council was given three possible directions to go in as a next step in recruiting a new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) from staff at Tuesday's council-in-committee meeting.

They decided to go with a fourth option.

An amendment to the report brought forward by staff was made by Ward 6 Coun. Paul Collard, to re-enter into discussions with the candidate selected by council on July 16, who was not satisfied with the salary and amount of expenses he would be receiving if he took the job.

This process began last year when Harry Schlange left his post as CAO for another job in the Ottawa area.

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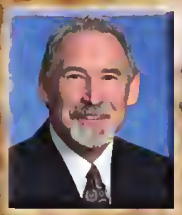

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Take a break

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The Alzheimer's Society of Niagara is getting ready for its coffee break campaign, running from Sept. 20 until December. On Sept. 21, a community barbecue will be held at Garrison Place retirement home. Getting ready for the event are Shelley Schaubel from the Alzheimer's Society of Niagara, left, lifestyle consultant Beverly Cantalon, director of culinary services Nancy Peddle, Maria Pring and Marilyn St. Martin.

The search continues

From Page 1

He was making over $141,000 a year when he left.

The Town of Fort Erie has been advertising the vacant CAO position with a salary range of $122,000 to $146,000.

"There isn't anyone in this room who wouldn't agree this has been a long and arduous journey to get even to this point," said Collard.

Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero said the staff report should not read that the first place competitor by four votes from council should not be referred to as "preferred."

"He wasn't my preferred candidate," said Passero.

Passero said the next logical step should be going to the individual who council scored as the runner-up.

"Why we're not doing that, I don't know," said Passero.

Although his name has never been mentioned in open session on this matter, Passero hinted that interim CAO Ron Tripp was the runner-up.

"Everybody knows who he is, he sits behind me on a weekly basis," said Passero.

He continued by saying that he would be ready to go into closed session to hear more from other members of council about why they don't think the second place contender is fit for the job.

"At this point, it's more about why we don't want him for the job... versus why we really, really, really want to see it go to someone else."

Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley was not pleased with Passero, making reference to a specific individual.

He made his comments after asking the Town's director of human resources, Tom Mather, if he had given names of any of the candidates to members of the media or public.

Mather said he had not.

"i find it disturbing a member of council decided to give one of their names out. I find it inappropriate and unprofessional," said Steckley.

Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts said completely ending discussions with the candidate after he or she refused the offer made, was only discussed through email and that council should have officially made the decision.

"We did not convene as a council," said Lubberts.

Ward 4 Coun. John Hill agreed with Lubberts, saying that email correspondence from members of council should not make the decision final.

"I'm not sure that constitutes a vote," said Hill.

Hill also said that he would be endorsing Collard's amendment.

Collard spoke again about his recommendation, re-iterating that the discussion was not permanently discontinued after the candidate's counter-offer was refused.

> **"I don't think, based on the email the candidate sent, he was finished negotiating."**
>
> *— Ward 6 Coun. Paul Collard*

"I don't think, based on the email the candidate sent, he was finished negotiating," said Collard, who insisted that approaching the selected candidate once again was the best option.

"We can lock ourselves in a room for two days if that's what's necessary," said Collard.

Mayor Doug Martin called the debate "absurd" during the next forty minutes of discussion, that eventually lead to a 4-3 vote in favour of the motion, supported by councillors Collard, Lubberts, Hill and Steckley.

The three options laid out by staff were going back to the competition, seeking a hiring firm and direct recruitment.

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Summer Jobs Youth program has high success rate

Graduates had wide array of placements to choose from

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

The John Howard Society's Summer Jobs for Youth Program had a successful run this year.

In its fourth year, based out of the Job Gym on Wintemute Street, 16 local students graduated the program and 199 finished successfully across the region.

Youth services supervisor Caroline Graham said she hopes the program grows even bigger next year, with more interest from young and ambitious people.

"It's a great program, we wish we could place more students in it," she said.

Students were given placements at local businesses, restaurants, golf courses, non-profit agencies and other places.

> **"It changed my mind completely."**
>
> *— Rachelle Merson*

Credits through the District School Board of Niagara could also be accumulated in the process too.

For Rachelle Merson, a graduate of Fort Erie Secondary School, her placement at the Job Gym completely changed the path in life she had originally planned on.

She applied to the Canadian Armed Forces but was not accepted. She then considered getting into interior design, but realized that wasn't the career for her either.

Especially after spending an entire summer helping people at the local job bank.

She will be heading to Fanshawe College in January to study in the social services program.

"It changed my mind completely," she said.

"I just love what they do with people," she added.

When the program started in the early summer, she said many of the students seemed nervous and unsure about themselves.

But as they grew more comfortable, she said everyone she spoke to was getting plenty of good experience from the program.

"There was always a smile on everyone's face," she said.

Graham wanted to thank all the local businesses and groups who helped make this year's program a success.

"The employers have all been wonderful," said Graham.

For more information, visit www.job-gym.com.

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Caroline Graham congratulates Rachelle Merson for graduating the Jowh Howard Society's Summmer Jobs for Youth Program recently.

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Get ready for SPCA week

Number of events planned to raise money and awareness for shelter's needs

The Fort Erie SPCA is holding Pet Week for the first time in its history.

The week-long event starts on September 16 and wraps up September 23.

It will kick off with the Country Legends Concert at the Italo Canadian Club on Sept. 16 and finish with the SPCA's Walk-a-Thon at Waverly Beach on Sept. 23.

During the week, there will be a scavenger hunt throughout Greater Fort Erie.

The goal is to raise money for spay and neuter programs and other shelter needs, but also to raise awareness of the need for responsible pet ownership and the tragedy of unwanted and abandoned pets.

For details, call the SPCA at (905) 871-2461.

A helping hand

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Stewart Ruffley, left, and Andrew Holdsworth put some finishing touches on a tree fort they and a number of other people like Marie, Jason and Aiden Butler, helped build for the children of their colleague at Fort Erie Fire Department station no. 3. Mark Lewis was diagnosed with Angio Sarcoma last year. In July, it was realized that the rare form of cancer had returned. He is currently in Mexico receiving immunotherapy. His friends built the fort for his sons Tyson and Carter. The generous work crew would like to thank Jeff at Tim-Br Mart, Wayne at Turkstra Lumber, Dan and Mike at Advance Reload and Jason from Home Hardware for donating a number of materials to make it possible. Visit 'Friends of Mark Lewis' on Facebook to learn more.

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Financial planner wants to help younger generation

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Times have changed for young people and the way they manage their finances.

Local resident and financial planner Velvet Tomassini explains this thoroughly in her book 'What Now?'

Last week a book signing was held at the Clarion Hotel and earlier this week Tomassini sat down with the Fort Erie Times to discuss the publication and the messages she hopes readers will understand within its pages.

Although its context can be taken as advice for people of all ages, it does target the younger generations.

"Not only teenagers, but students graduating from university, haven't had personal financial literacy addressed to them," she said.

She also noted a statistic that 60 per cent of retired Canadians still have mortgage payments to make.

Not to mention, piles of credit card debt either.

"Im trying to get people to be more conscious of their money," she said.

The book also touches on how managing your finances properly can affect other facets of your life and wellness.

"It's not only about your financial health, but your mental and physical health too," she said.

Things are also much different for young people these days, trying to get ahead in life... especially compared to those who were their age only ten years ago.

"They're not going to be as wealthy as the generation before them," she said.

> **"It's not a boring financial book."**
>
> *—Velvet Tomassini*

Tomassini also wanted to point out that young people should be interested in her work, because it's a fun read that won't put you to sleep.

"It's not a boring, financial book," she said.

On Thursday, the Economic Development and Tourism Corporation purchased and donated a dozen copies to the Fort Erie Public Library.

For more information, visit www.whatnowbook.ca.

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Velvet Tomassini, left, EDTC general manager Jim Thibert, Fort Erie Public Library chief executive officer Craig Schufelt and library board chair Maria Brigantino.

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our editorial

Great to see a negative turned to a positive

It's always refreshing to hear about a negative situation being turned into something positive.

About two weeks ago, a property in Stevensville was damaged extensively by a huge grass fire.

A barn was mildly scolded but the extent of the damage was about eight acres of field, while the property owner was not home at the time.

It has come to the Fort Erie Times' attention that a number of people including businesses, family and friends...will be at the property this weekend in an effort to make it look a little more like it did before the massive fire.

It's assuring that there are some great people and business owners in this community who know when it's time to step up and do the right thing.

The Fort Erie Times will have photos and a story about this next week.

-Kris Dubé

Do You Remember?

What a team! Our thanks to George Ashton and Linda Ashton (now Phillips) who both phoned in to identify their brother Wayne in last week's photo. This picture, taken in Wayne's bedroom when he was about 13 years old, shows him glumly contemplating a return to school around 1970.

This week's photo shows a group of Moms with their children enjoying the late summer weather on teeter totters in a playground. The date stamped on the back of the photo is Sept. 29, 1981. If you know any of the people in the photo or where this was taken please call the Museum at 894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca

Members of council can ignore what bloggers say if it offends them

Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebbok

We haven't seen a council meeting like this in a long time.

Sparks flew in the council chambers on Tuesday for a few reasons and I want to respond to some of the things that were said.

Anyone who was in attendance or listened to the audio from the evening on the Town's website, will notice that about the last 40 minutes of discussion about hiring a new chief administrative officer was left out.

I covered the nuts and bolts of the decision that was made, but didn't bother getting into some of the frustration that some members of council displayed.

Mayor Doug Martin called Fort Erie "the laughing stock of the province" because of some decisions made by local politicians.

That might be an exaggerated claim but there certainly are people inside and out of Fort Erie who might be pointing and snickering.

Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley took exception to Martin's comments, saying this was untrue and was also not pleased with the mayor's reference to most decisions ending with a 4-3 vote.

Steckley continued by blaming the media and members of the public who use blogs for perpetuating the opinion that himself, along with councillors Hill Steckley, Lubberts vote this way intentionally.

The point of this column isn't designed to debate that, but to give my own personal take on what members of the public and myself as a member of the local media have the right to say and do.

He's right.

There's too much negativity in town, from people on both sides of the political separation.

That's why if you've noticed with my editor's notebooks in the last few weeks, I've stayed away from writing about local politics. I've written fluffy pieces about different community groups or arts and entertainment.

Things that don't upset people.

But there is no point in centering them out at a council meeting, because it will only fuel the fire.

There is a blog that regularly criticizes mayor Martin, Stephen Passero and Rick Shular as members of council.

Someone emailed me last weekend telling me that the operator of this blog had written some nasty things about me.

My response was that I haven't read it, had no plans to read it and could honestly not care any less about what she had to say.

So, if certain members are feeling threatened by what people write about them, don't read it.

It's a matter of being a bigger person and not letting it ruin your day.

People have the right to use free speech, even though it might not be the brightest commentary and in some cases it is.

It goes both ways and giving attention to these individuals in a public forum is exactly what they want...along with being able to express their opinions.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email at kris.dube@sunmedia.ca.

opinion page

Library getting ready to form a strategic plan

The following is a submission from the Fort Erie Public Library:

The Fort Erie Public Library has embarked on a process to develop its first strategic plan.

"As an important contributor to the quality of life in Fort Erie," explained chairperson Ann McLaughlin, "the Board of Directors decided it was time that we adopt a formal strategic plan to ensure that the library not only continues to service the community but targets specifically on those areas where we can have the greatest impact."

In addition to providing services, the Fort Erie Public Library is facing the same financial constraints as other organizations, and these are only expected to become even tighter in the future.

The Board expects that the completed plan will allow the library to maximize its financial and other resources.

"Our library must have a strategic plan that not only identifies which services are most important to our community, but how those services can be continued in an environment where finances are under severe pressure," said Ms. McLaughlin.

"And it's not just services – our facilities themselves are aging and those costs cannot be ignored," she added.

Libraries are traditionally viewed as lenders of books, but the fact is that circulating the traditional, bound copies of books, while still important, now comprises a much lesser part – in total - of what libraries do.

The Fort Erie Public Library is no exception.

"Our services range from the organizing of children's summer activities and events to providing access to computers and the Internet for individuals and families who might not otherwise be able to enjoy that access," said CEO Craig Shufelt.

"The library is uniquely positioned to either directly provide valuable services or partner with other community organizations for services like improving literacy, providing homework assistance, and teaching English to new immigrants."

The strategic plan is being developed by a committee representing the Board, library management and employees. The committee reports directly to the Board, which has final approval of the plan, and the process itself is being facilitated by Growth Associates of St. Catharines.

The target is to have the plan completed and approved by the board in December.

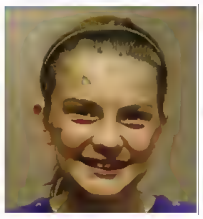
Craig Schufelt
Fort Erie Public Library
CEO

The TIMES Asks

How did your first week back to school go?

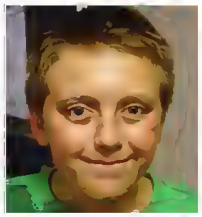
Cianna Hidalgo

"I've had a lot of fun with my friends and I like my teacher."



Candice Goulding

"It's great because I was on vacation for most of the summer and didn't see a lot of my friends, but now I get to see them."



Blake Cochrane

"I'm enjoying. I've made some new friends and I like my teacher."

Isaac Nayler

"It's been fun and I also like my teacher."

What do you think?

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Reader pleased with treatment at Urgent Care

I would like to ask everyone to try to help us keep the Urgent Care at the Douglas Memorial site.

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Resident treated for burns

KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

On Thursday, the Fort Erie Fire Department, Niagara Regional Police and Niagara Emergency Medical Services responded to a call on Lakeview Road. Inside the home's kitchen, a grease fire caused about $5,000 worth of damage and one occupant was treated for burns to her hands.

Harbour Lite singers ready to please crowds

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

The Harbour Lite Singers started out about 17 years ago as a group comprised of "seniors singing for seniors," says the choirs director Ron Gorham.

Now, the group has about 60 members of all ages.

Gorham, a Fort Erie resident, wants to spread the word about his choir, their upcoming Christmas show in November and the fact that they are available to perform at events and functions.

"We want to let people know we're going strong," said Gorham when recently meeting with the Fort Erie Times.

"We're doing some pretty neat things," he added.

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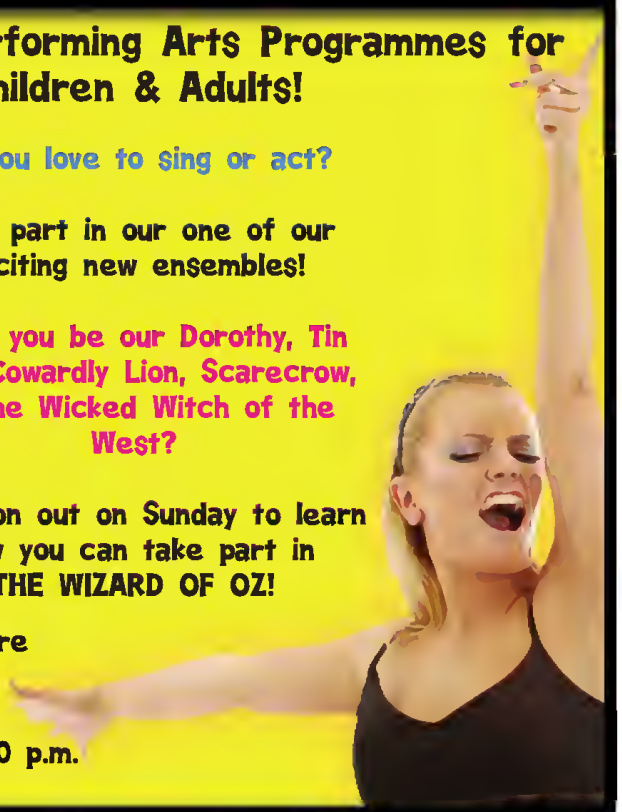

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Buffalo Sabres visit coffee shop and local school

Team president says engaging Southern Ontario residents is very important for club

Matt Day
QMI Agency

They can stickhandle on the ice, but can they handle a hot cup of coffee?

Early-morning Tim Hortons patrons at the Crescent Park location were treated to a special surprise with their morning pick-me-ups when they were served by Buffalo Sabres president Ted Black, former Sabres players Danny Gare and Jay McKee, Sabres broadcast personality Harry Neale and current Sabres forward Ville Leinio.

The representatives of the the NHL team came across the border to Fort Erie on Thursday as part of the organization's inaugural "Invade Canada Caravan" to help promote the club in southern Ontario.

They stood behind the counter and signed autographs for fans while also learning a trick or two about serving customers.

"We had to teach Ville Leino what a double-double was," said Black, "but he caught on pretty quickly."

The Sabres representatives – minus Leino, who had to return to New York for on-ice training – then went to Fort Erie Elementary School to talk to grades 1, 2, and 3 students about their experiences on the ice as well as to read short stories to them.

McKee and Gare answered lighthearted questions from students such as how many goals they scored and what teams they played for throughout their career, but afterwards the former players answered questions from the media regarding some tougher subjects like the NHL labour dispute.

McKee, a former Niagara Falls Thunder defenceman who scored 21 goals and earned 104 assists during his NHL career, said he as much as anyone would like to see an NHL season this year.

"I think the unfortunate side of sports is the business side of things," said the former player representative during the last NHL lockout that ended up cancelling the entire2004/2005 season. "It's not something I would want to be a part of again ... Hopefully they will figure out a resolution quickly."

Black called the labour dispute between the NHL and its player's union an "unfortunate coincidence" but that it doesn't mean his organization will halt plans on expanding their fan base... even if it means trying to persuade some Toronto Maple Leafs fans to jump ship.

"This is really our home territory and I think we just need to engage this area much better than we have in the past," said Black. "In the past we were here because we needed to be here to sell tickets. Not to sound arrogant, but we don't have that same need. We're here now because we want to be here."

Black said he estimates about 10% to 15% of the team's fan base is from southern Ontario.

He said he would like to make visits with players across the border at least once every three months.

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Students from Fort Erie Elementary School pose with Jay McKee, Danny Gare and Sabretooth on Thursday.

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Lynn Zimmerman and his son Aiden in front of the Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame, where two generations from his family have already been inducted.

Time with Meteors a 'memorable' era

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

If Lynn Zimmerman didn't play four seasons with the Fort Erie Meteors in the late 1980s, he would never have been given the opportunity that followed his career with the local Jr. 'B' team.

A centreman from 1986 until 1980, the current business owner followed up his time with the Meteors by competing in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), after receiving a full hockey scholarship with the University of Western Michigan Broncos.

But his time with the NCAA team was cut short when it was learned that the two years he spent at Niagara College would not allow him to continue with the University on a full scholarship.

All that aside, Zimmerman said playing with the Meteors was one of the best times of his life.

"I just expected to go out and have fun," he said.

He owes his continuing love for the game to Tony Passero, he also said.

"Throughout my career, he was the one coach I enjoyed playing for the most."

As Zimmerman climbed the ladder up to NCAA and as he sees the way things have unfolded in the National Hockey League with salary disputes between players and the league, he says a lot of what the game should be all about has been lost.

"The game has changed so much. It's all about money now," he said.

The former Meteor comes from a hockey family... that goes without saying.

Both his father, Lynn Sr, along with his grandfather Milford played professionally.

> **"It allowed me to get to the next step and it really grooms you as a person."**
>
> *— Lynn Zimmerman*

Both are also previous inductees onto the Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame.

"Maybe one day, I'll make it there," he said with a smile.

Even though his time in Michigan didn't unfold how he would have wanted it to when he made that leap, he wouldn't change anything... especially his tenure with the Meteors.

"It allowed me to get to the next step and it really grooms you as a person."

The father of two says the most vivid memory he has with the Jr. 'B' team was the series against the Niagara Falls Canucks in his final season.

The rivals up the Queen Elizabeth Way were the best team in the league for the regular season and ended up facing Fort Erie, who finished in the basement of the standings.

That didn't mean anything because the Meteors swept the series in four games and Zimmerman ended up with 14 points in four games, including the overtime winner in the last game.

"That was definitely the best memorable moment for me."

Zimmerman remains active in the local community by coaching his son's minor team.

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Kris Dubé
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Nik Passero, Cameron Fairgrieve and Dallas Ingram may have an extra letter on their jerseys, but it doesn't go to their heads.

They put one skate on at a time, like everyone else.

The captain and assistant captains have a lot to look forward to with the 2012-13 Jr. 'B' season.

Passero, who is in his fourth season with the local squad, says having 11 homegrown players on the roster this year will help their performance throughout the 52 games.

"More Fort Erie kids means a closer team," said the captain, who takes over wearing the 'C' for Andrew Ansell, who reached his age limit for the league after last season.

Assistant captain Cameron Fairgrieve agreed, saying the team functions much more effectively when everyone is well-acquainted with one another. It also makes his role less difficult.

"It will be a lot easier to lead," said Fairgrieve.

Ingram added that having five players who are older and more experienced in the Golden Horseshoe League will also be an advantage.

"That's the first time there's been this many 20-year-olds.... it's going to help," he said.

He also said that although on-ice performance is obviously crucial to how the team fares this season, but a lot of it has to do with what takes place before and after games.

"What happens off-ice is just as important, as well as our roles in the community," said Ingram.

Passero said many of the younger players and first-year newcomers have not had a taste of what playing in the league is all about. Along with the team's coaching staff, he and his assistant captains will do their best to help them adjust.

"It's a long season and a lot of work, so we'll lead them through the ups and downs," said Passero.

Taking over as captain this year, Passero said his style of game and attitude from previous seasons will basically remain the same.

"I don't think my job changes much," he said.

Fairgrieve said it is their responsibility to conduct themselves in a professional manner and lead by example, while playing as hard and smart as they possibly can.

"You have to know how to carry yourself," said Fairgrieve.

"If we have ourselves in check, then everybody else knows they have to be," he added.

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The Meteors kick off the regular season tonight against the Buffalo Blades, at 7:15 p.m. at the Leisureplex.

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Meteors assistant captain Dallas Ingram, left, captain Nik Passero and assistant captain Cameron Fairgrieve look forward to guiding this year's squad.

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Darlene Hazlett, Secretary

Rookie Ball champs

The winning rookie ball team, sponsored by Wal-Mart poses for a photo after receiving their medals for being the best squad in their age group. The team's coaching staff congratulates all members for a great season.

Cannons advance to second round

First game of second series Sunday night at Oakes Park

The Cannons overcame a 5-3 deficit with 4 runs in the 7th to win 7-5 on the road in game 3 against the Niagara Falls Expos.

WInning pitcher "Mikey D" threw three scoreless innings in relief of starter Cam Hall who only gave up two earned runs over four innings.

The Cannons tightened up their defense over the last three and were deserving of the big road win.

Catcher Robin Kellar batted in the game winning run.

Kris Hodges and Adam Fowler both scored two runs in the game.

The Cannons move on to the semi finals with first game in Fort Erie Sunday night at 7 p.m. against the Merritton Alliance.

The Cannons had a great Ontario Baseball Provincial 'B' Championship going all the way to final only to lose to Listowell 9-7 in a very exciting game.

Fort Erie had their chances, stranding ten base runners while outhitting the champs 11-8 in the game. Pat Giampaolo went 3 for 4 with a solo homerun, James MacKinnon was 2 for 4 at the dish, Josh Bessem was 1 for 1 (run scored) and Colin Chevalier was 1 for 3 with 2 runs scored, providing most of the Cannons offense.

Defensively, short stop Kris Hodges had 6 putouts. In previous games, Fort Erie defeated Tillsonburg 6-2, 2011 finalists Mitchell 5-2 and Port Hope 3-1

Minor–Major Champs

The Fort Erie Minor Baseball Association's minor-major league and playoff champions is Horton CBI. In this photo are coach Mark Hall, Keyrsten Cosby-Schaubel, Chloe Wraight, coach Ron Winger, Renee Winger, Caitlyn MacInnis, Trinity Richards, Michaela Daley, coach Scott Wraight, Norma Sue Hill, Kylia Rossiter, McKenna Hall, Julia Gauthier, Taylor Bochinski and Madison Barrett. Absent from this photo are Jayne Inouye and Jaceu Svensson.

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Deaths

GOULDING, Margaret "Peggy" - Peggy passed away at the Maple Park Lodge on Tuesday September 4th, 2012 in her 98th year. Beloved wife of the late John Wesley. Loving mother of Kate (Terry) Bennett, Blanche (Wally) Sawyer and John Wesley (Edith) Gloulding. Cherished grandmother of Ruthann, Cherylann, Michael, Randy, Mark, Yvonne, Linda, Tom, Michele and Patrick. Sadly missed by her many great grandchildren. Also survived by her brother George, sisters Norma and Edna and her many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her daughter Marilyn Sankey, her grandsons Jamie and Jonathon, her 5 sisters and 2 brothers. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Friday September 7th from 6-9. Funeral Services will be conducted on Saturday in the Benner Funeral Chapel at 10 am. Interment to follow in St. Paul's Anglican Church Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

12661833

MACKEY, Diane - Diane passed away at her home on Monday, September 3rd, 2012 in her 62nd year. Loving wife of Lloyd. Proud mother of Michael (Mandy) and Joey (Leslie), David and Lorna. She will be sadly missed by her wonderful grandchildren. "Dedi" as she was known by her family was the cherished sister of Donna (Dale) Hemsley, Danny Charron and Janet (Guy) Snow and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her granddaughter Khaley and her parents Rudy and Jean Charron. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. A service to celebrate her life took place on Friday September 7th at 11 am in the Benner Funeral Chapel. If so desired, donations to the Toronto Sick Children's Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

12661829

A million times I've needed you
A million times I've cried,
If love could have saved you
You never would have died.
Things we feel most deeply
Are the hardest things to say,
My dearest one, I loved you,
In a very special way.
If I could have one lifetime wish
One dream that could come true,
I'd pray to God with all my heart
For yesterday and you.

Memoriam Verse #81
To remember a loved one with this verse
Call 1-866-541-6757 Today

11283826

Deaths

SIMS, Winston (Winnie) - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Winston (Winnie) Sims on August 31, 2012 at Douglas Memorial Hospital at the age of 70 after a heroic battle with cancer, son-in-law Chris by his side. Predeceased by his loving wife and best friend Gisela (2007). Loving father to Peggy (Chris) Boles. Proud Papa to his pride and joys, Sarah and Jake Boles. Brother of Evelyn Riddell, Earl (Elda), Robert, and Gord (Audrey). Predeceased by brothers Fred, Ed, and Charles and sisters, Irene Hawksworth and Jean Bevan. Also survived by mother-in-law Irene Heilig, brother-in-law Mike (Dawn) Heilig and sister-in-law Ursula (John) Deans as well as many nieces and nephews. Winston was a proud 39 year member or the Ridgeway Lions Club and took great pride in his service and accomplishments as a Lion. He served as Club President (1982-83) and Secretary receiving the 100% Secretary's award for 25 consecutive years. He received the Helen Keller and Melvin Jones awards. Winston also applied his hard work and dedication while serving as Regional Counsellor (1994-97). During his term he was vice-chairman of Public Works Committee, member of Community and Health Services Committee, member of Ecological and Environment Advisory Committee, and had the highest attendance record of all counsellors during his term. Winston was also well known as the Umpire in Chief of Fort Erie Baseball for 15 years. He was very proud of his community service. A very generous man always willing to help others. Winnie loved enjoying a cold beer with friends & family or cruising in his "65 T-Bird". He will be greatly missed by all who knew & loved him. Our family would like to sincerely thank Dr. Scher, Dr. Che, the compassionate & caring nurses and the many others that helped care for him during his illness. Also a special thanks to Dianne, Brenda & Debbie for your amazing love & support. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. A graveside service will take place at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery on Saturday, September 8th at 1 o'clock. A time of gathering to celebrate Winston's life will follow at the Ridgeway Lions Club, 99 Ridge Road South, Ridgeway at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution in Winston's memory may be made to the Douglas Memorial Palliative Care Unit.

12660686

There is a sad and sweet remembrance,
There is memory fond and true;
There is a token of affection
And a heartache still for you.

Memoriam Verse #35
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11284439

Deaths

SMITH, Lowell Thomas - Passed away peacefully at Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie, on 03 September 2012, at the age of 74. Most beloved father of Kimberley (Michael) Smith Maynard and Lisa Deanne Smith; loving grandfather to Brennan Maynard and Tyla Crowhurst-Smith; dear brother to Richard Smith (Maxine), Leonard Smith (Elinor), Mary Krupa (Martin), Janet Guimond (Marc), and Terry (Lawrence) Gamache; a special uncle to his many nieces and nephews, "brother in kind" to Cyril Molyneaux and Carl Uloth; and special friend to many, many others, including his friends at the Fort Erie YMCA. Lowell lived fully, with grace, humour and courage, was a friend to everyone, and always brought out the best in others. He worked in the publishing industry and lastly as a Sales Representative at ITP Nelson for 24 years, retiring in 1997. Lowell's family and friends wish to thank Dr. Findlay, Dr. Scher and the nurses of the Niagara Health System for their wonderful care during his illness, particularly during his palliative care at Douglas Memorial Hospital, Fort Erie. In accordance with Lowell's wishes, he will be cremated and a Funeral Mass celebrated at St. George's Catholic Church in Crystal Beach, Ontario on Saturday Sept 08 at 1:00 p.m. A Memorial Service will also be held in Christie Ridge, N.B., in the summer of 2013. Online condolences may be made at www.pleasantviewcemetery.ca . In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Douglas Memorial Hospital Foundation, the Canadian Cancer Society, or a charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to **PLEASANTVIEW FUNERAL & RECEPTION CENTRE** (2250 Hwy #20, Fonthill (905-892-1699).

12661987

Card of thanks

Desmond W. Parry
Died August 5th, 2012.
We would like to say thank you for the love, kindness, flowers and many cards we received. Special thanks to Dr. Scher and Father David Thomas, also the nurses at Hotel Dieu and especially the Red Cross nurses, I don't know what I would have done without you. Many thanks to my dear family for being there.
With love and thanks to everyone.
Evelyn (Lynn) Parry and Family.

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Card of thanks

WITH HEARTFELT THANKS

NIX ~ The family of the late Edna Nix wish to express thanks to our friends, co-workers and neighbors for the cards, food, flowers, visits and donations.
Thank you to Dr. Sobkowski and the staff of the Emergency Unit and 6th floor east at WCGH for your excellent care, to Pastors Leonard Chester, Howard Hoover, Dale Shaw, Clare Lebold and Martha Lockwood for your spiritual comfort and guidance, and to the team at Trinitylife church and the Stevensville Kinettes, for the luncheon.
To Maria, Doug and the staff of the Williams Funeral Home, thank you for your patience, professional direction, and compassionate care.
~ **Robert, LeRoy, Linda and Families.**

12661326

In memoriam

In Loving memory of our dear sister
RUTH VIVIAN PEARSON
September 13, 2008

You are not forgotten, sister
Nor will you ever be,
As long as life and memories last,
We will remember thee.

Lovingly Dennis, Barbara and Sheila

12663336

Leslie Csabi
September 2, 1972
Remembering you on this day with love and memories.
Lezlie

12660871

Sam Aquilina
In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away 4 years ago September 9, 2008.
God took him home, it was His will,
But in our hearts we love him still;
His memory is a dear today
As in the hour he passed away.
We often sit and think of him
When I am all alone,
For memory is the only friend
That grief can call its own.
I'll always remember you.
Sadly missed and always remembered.
Your wife Maria

12650352

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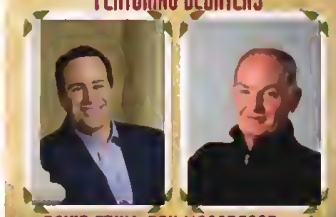

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